

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re application of:

Power, et al

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For: ANTISENSE OLIGODEOXYNUCLEOTIDES REGULATING
EXPRESSION OF THE TNF-ALPHA

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2000,
paper number 7. Please amend the Office Action as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

5. (Amended) A synthetic nuclease resistant antisense
oligodeoxynucleotide for selectively inhibiting human tumor necrosis factor alpha
said antisense oligonucleotide comprising: an exon targeting a sequence which
flanks [flanking] at least one splice [sites] site said targeting thereby regulating
expression of TNF- α .

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